

Rainier Beach Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

Oct. 20, 2010 6pm-7:30pm

Rainier Beach Public Library

ATTENDEES

NAC Members: Cheryl dos Remedios, Christie Coxley, David Sauvion, Gregory Davis, Harry Hoffman, Margaret Yellowwolf, Matt Kozleski, Mohamed Sheikh Hassan, Paul Lee, Peter Masundire, Robert “Trey” West, Rodolfo Castillo, Vallerie Fisher

City Staff: Nora Liu (DPD), Pamela Banks (DON), Kerry Wade (DON), Julia Salinas (DON)

OVERVIEW

The goal of the Rainier Beach’s second NAC meeting was to understand the work of the NPU process and frame the structures necessary to accomplish this work.

The topics discussed were:

- Overview of Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan, and the Othello Plan , Plan Update, and Action Plan
- Establishing a NAC Governance Model, including decision-making models and membership guidelines.

The materials provided are posted to the NAC website under “NAC October Meeting.” This summary provides the key discussion points and pending items, transcribed from flip chart notes taken at the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

What connections in the community do you have and can bring into the NPU process?

- Friends of Atlantic City Nursery (Trey)
- Rainier Beach Babysitting Co-op (Rudy)
- League of Rainier Soccer Club (Harry)
- Rainier Beach Learning Garden (Christie)
- Rainier Beach PTSA (Vallerie)
- Friends of Deadhorse Canyon (David)
- Arts Committee of Southshore School (Cheryl)
- Southeast Seattle Senior Center (Margaret)

- Emerald City Bible Fellowship Church (Gregory)
- East African community (Mohammed)

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES DISCUSSION

- Alternates are expected to attend all NAC meetings and will fully participate in all discussions. In situations that call for a vote, alternates will only vote if they are seated for an absent member. In which case, Alternates' votes will be in alignment with their opinion, not as a proxy for an absent member.
- Whenever possible NAC members will be informed on any major decision-making discussions so that they are able to submit their opinion in advance if they know they will miss that meeting.
- Preliminary discussion about absences included the following recommendations: Three absences in a six month will require the seated member to relinquish his or her position to an alternate and the alternate will then become a seated member. No consensus was reached regarding the absences.

DECISION-MAKING DISCUSSION:

- It was agreed that the NAC would set aside Roberts Rules of Order for a consensus-reaching model. NAC facilitators and members can encourage that the group come to a decision or call for a vote when necessary.
- The NAC must have at minimum 10 members present to constitute a quorum. If quorum is not reached, major decisions and votes will be tabled until there are enough members present.
- Members may submit their opinion on a topic via email, but emailed votes will not be counted.

ACTION ITEMS

Action	Responsible Party
Send out meeting minutes for review with "Reply Requested" so NAC members can review and give any edits, if necessary.	City Team
Figure out why David can't get on RB-NAC listserv (is unable to email the group)	City Team/Kerry
Send ideas on local restaurants	NAC

Send link to Comp Plan and Othello Plan	City Team
Send materials in advance when asked to make a decision so NAC/City can have informed discussion at meeting	City Team/NAC

PENDING QUESTIONS

- What were the results (what was implemented) from the original RB Neighborhood Plan?
- Would like to see some sort of a layered document that includes the various plans (i.e. pedestrian plan, SETS, Arts, Parks, etc.) so can see how they all connect (City said they do not have the capacity to create something like this anytime in the near future).
- Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition inquired about syncing their annual town hall meeting with the Neighborhood Plan Update meeting for March 2011. Pamela Banks agreed to move forward with this idea as it is an excellent opportunity.

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 17th 6-7:30pm at Rainier Beach Public Library

Planned Agenda:

- Presentation from Seattle Dept of Transportation (SDOT)
- Presentation for Seattle Public Utilities
- Results from original neighborhood plan
- Further discussion on absences (membership guidelines related)

MEETING EVALUATION

Plus (what did you like about today):

- good healthy discussion
- consensus
- discussion on how to reach consensus was good start

Delta (what can be improved for next time):

- large map for wall